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Identical letters dated 23 July 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to alert you to the horrific terror attack that took place in Israel this past Friday.

The Solomon family had gathered together for the traditional Friday night Sabbath meal and to celebrate the birth of a new grandson. The family's festivities turned quickly to bloodshed as a Palestinian terrorist entered their home. In cold blood, this terrorist murdered Yosef, the 70-year-old grandfather of the family, his daughter, Haya, and his son, Elad, all before the eyes of the other children and grandchildren. Tova Solomon, Yosef's wife, was badly wounded and remains in serious condition in a Jerusalem hospital.

Had it not been for the courage of Elad's wife, who hid the grandchildren in another room, and a neighbour, who heard the screams and came immediately to the rescue, this Palestinian terrorist would have massacred the entire Solomon family.

This heinous crime follows repeated calls by Palestinian officials and public leaders inciting violence and propagating dangerous charges against Israel. This latest wave of violence has resulted from false accusations by the Palestinian leadership surrounding recent events in Jerusalem.

On July 14, terrorists smuggled weapons on to the Temple Mount and murdered two Israeli policemen, Master Sergeant Haiel Sitawe and Master Sergeant Kamil Shnaan. Following this attack, Israel mounted metal detectors at the entrance to the Temple Mount to ensure the safety of all worshippers entering this sacred ground. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has made clear that Israel has no intention to change the status quo arrangement at this holy site.

The use of metal detectors is part of the standard security measures employed at religious sites around the world, including at the Ka'bah in Mecca, the Vatican and the Western Wall in Jerusalem. In Indonesia, Kuwait and more, visitors must pass through rigorous security checks, including but not limited to metal detectors, to enter and pray. Despite this reality, the Palestinian leadership continues to spread erroneous charges that do nothing more than enrage the most extreme elements of Palestinian society and incite terror.

Friday's barbaric attack is directly linked to the Palestinian leadership's ruthless calls to violence, dissemination of propaganda, and long-standing policy and favour of the glorification of terror. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has publicly endorsed the payment of salaries to convicted terrorists and their families.

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Schools are named for mass murderers, and monuments dedicated to these killers stand at the centres of Palestinian towns and villages. Palestinians in Gaza even celebrated to praise the terrorist guilty of Friday evening's horrific events. As a result, Palestinians are radicalized and encouraged to commit acts of "martyrdom" by killing innocent Israelis in cold blood.

The incitement of terror cannot continue. I call upon the Security Council to condemn this horrific terror attack. Furthermore, I call upon the Security Council to denounce the Palestinian Authority for its relentless encouragement of violence and for its glorification of terror.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Danny **Danon**
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